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**VIA ECFS**

February 1, 2016

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Section 63.71 Application of Magazine Telephone Company, Inc. for Authority to  
Discontinue Certain Services

JSI respectfully files the enclosed Application of Magazine Telephone Company,  
Inc. for Authority to Discontinue Certain Services. This filing is made in compliance with  
Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules (47 C.F.R. § 63.71).

Sincerely,

Valerie Wimer  
Vice President

on behalf of

Barbara Stone  
President  
Magazine Telephone Company, Inc.

Enclosures

cc: Barbara Stone, President  
Magazine Telephone Company, Inc.

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Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of	)	
	)	
Section 63.71 Application of	)	Comp. Pol. File No. _____
Magazine Telephone Company, Inc.	)	
For Authority to Discontinue	)	
Certain Services	)	

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION**

Pursuant to Sections 63.71 of the Commission's Rules<sup>1</sup> and Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,<sup>2</sup> Magazine Telephone Company, Inc. ("MagTel" or the "Company") hereby files this application to discontinue the provision of select operator services to customers that the Company serves in the State of Arkansas ("Application").<sup>3</sup> In support of this Application, MagTel submits the following:

**I. Information Required by Section 63.71(a)(1) - (4)**

**A. Name and Address of Carrier**

Magazine Telephone Company, Inc.  
25 Magtel Drive  
Booneville, AR 72927

For purposes of this Application, the Commission may contact:

Barbara Stone  
President  
Magazine Telephone Company, Inc.  
25 Magtel Drive  
Booneville, AR 72927  
(479) 969-2211  
[magtel@magtel.com](mailto:magtel@magtel.com)

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<sup>1</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 63.71.

<sup>2</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 214(a).

<sup>3</sup> As required by Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules, MagTel has notified and submitted a copy of this Application concurrent with this filing to the Arkansas Public Service Commission, the Governor of Arkansas, and the Secretary of the Department of Defense.

**B. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance**

MagTel will discontinue operator-assisted Busy Line Verification and Busy Interrupt services to its customers in the state of Arkansas on or after May 2, 2016, upon completion of all necessary federal and state regulatory approvals.

**C. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected**

Affected MagTel local exchange customers are in the Magazine and Blue Mountain exchanges located in west central Arkansas.

**D. Brief Description of the Types of Service Affected**

In the areas referenced above, MagTel provides the following services which will be discontinued (collectively, "Affected Services"):

- Busy Line Verification – An operator service allowing the operator to confirm when a line is idle or in use.
- Busy Interrupt – An operator service allowing the operator to break into a conversation when a line is in use.

This discontinuance is limited to the Affected Services. Customers will continue to have access to all other current services without interruption.

**II. Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers**

Notices were sent to all MagTel local exchange customers as a bill insert by method of U.S. Mail on February 1, 2016. Please reference Exhibit A which is a sample copy of the Notice sent to the affected customers. MagTel deemed the bill insert the most economic method of reaching its rural customers and printed the insert on distinctly colored paper to distinguish it from the billing statement and bring sufficient attention to the Notice.

**III. Status of Carrier**

MagTel is an incumbent local exchange carrier and considered a dominant carrier with respect to the services that it proposes to discontinue in the state of Arkansas.

**IV. Circumstances of Discontinuance**

The Company's discontinuance of the Affected Services was a business decision based on a lack of customer demand for the service. In the preceding 12 months, the Company has had no instances of usage for the Affected Services. Therefore, the discontinuance of these services will not adversely affect the Company's customers.

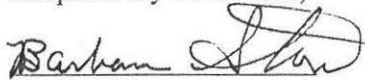
V. Certification

On behalf of Magazine Telephone Company, I, the undersigned President, Barbara Stone, hereby certify that the statements contained herein are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and made in good faith.

VI. Conclusion

For the reasons stated herein, the Company respectfully requests grant of this Application.

Respectfully Submitted,



Barbara Stone

President

Magazine Telephone Company, Inc.

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Jan 26 2016  
Date

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Section 63.71 Application was served this 1st day of February, 2016, by mailing true and correct copies thereof, postage prepaid, to the following persons at the addresses listed below.

Arkansas Public Service Commission  
1000 Center St.  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Office of Governor Asa Hutchinson  
State of Arkansas  
State Capitol Room 250  
500 Woodlane St.  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Secretary of Defense  
Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications,  
Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301

  
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## EXHIBIT A

### CUSTOMER NOTICE

February 1, 2016

RE: FCC-Required Notice of Discontinuance of Certain Operator Services

Dear Valued Customer:

This letter is to inform you that on or after May 2, 2016, Magazine Telephone Company, Inc. ("MagTel") will no longer be providing certain operator services within the state of Arkansas. Customers who attempt to utilize the discontinued services will be informed by the operator that the service is not available. Specifically, the following operator services will be discontinued.

- Busy Line Verification – An operator service allowing the operator to confirm when a line is idle or in use.
- Busy Interrupt – An operator service allowing the operator to break into a conversation when a line is in use.

This discontinuance is limited to the above operator services and will not affect your MagTel service in any other way. Customers will continue to access general operator services, including operator assisted dialing, handling sent-paid calls, handling emergency calls and providing rate quotes where available.

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. You may file your comments electronically through the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System using the docket number established in the Commission's public notice for this proceeding, or you may address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the §63.71 Application of Magazine Telephone Company, Inc. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

If you have any questions about this notice or MagTel's discontinuance of the aforementioned operator services, please contact us at 25 Magtel Drive, Booneville, AR 72927 or by phone at (479) 969-2211.

We thank you for your business and look forward to continuing to serve your communications needs.

Sincerely,

Magazine Telephone Company, Inc.